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GOOD (DANCING) FORM—Popular dancer at many social events is Jean Jones, freshman coed, shown in three sequences of her favored "Cat Dance." She is being described as "talented and attractive"—agree?

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT ON T. I. S. A. ANNUAL MEETING AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Three of Prairie View's students, Mary Ann Broussard, Lloyd D. Mayfield and Edison Fowlkes, attended the Texas Intercollegiate Students' Association 11th Annual Convention, which convened Friday morning, March 6, at 9 o'clock in Waco Hall on Baylor University campus, Waco, Texas.

The purpose of the convention was to emphasize the need of the state organization by serving as a laboratory for exchange of ideas. Seminars dealing with world affairs and specific problems of member schools were also included on the agenda.

At the opening of the general session, welcomes were given by Jack Fant, president of Baylor Student Body, and Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University. The speaker for the general opening session was Will Wilson, Attorney General of Texas. At the close of his speech, reports were given by the executive committee.

Another general session was held at 1:30 p.m. Its purpose was to hear the various school project reports. Unfortunately, Prairie View College did not have a project to submit. After the project reports had been made, the president of TISA called the roll of schools in attendance at the meeting. There were over 38 schools represented.

From 2:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the first and second sessions of Buzz groups were conducted. Prairie View was represented in three of the Buzz Groups which were:

1. How effectively does the student council portray the feelings of the student body?

2. Student-Faculty-Administration Relations.

3. Freedom: Inherited or Obtained?

At the termination of the first and second session of Buzz Groups the group attended a buffet dinner which was served in the Union Building Drawing Room. After dinner was over, they returned to Hotel Raleigh to spend their first night.

Saturday morning, they attended breakfast in Raleigh Hotel Ballroom. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. Melvin Munn, well known Texas businessman of Dallas. The third session of Buzz groups convened at 9:15 o'clock. In this session many resolutions were proposed by the various groups. These resolutions were to be voted upon by the complete membership of TISA. Some of the resolutions proposed were as follows: 1. Endowment fund which would cover the total business expenses of all TISA business to a total of nearly a billion dollars. 2. Student Body presidents' conference at the end of each year. 3. Students of state-supported schools unity in opposition to increase in tuition. 4. Revision in the election procedures of TISA.

From 1 to 5 p.m., the third general session was held in Tidwell Auditorium with the purpose of presenting resolutions, and nomination and election of officers. At the end of this session, a banquet was given in Union Building Drawing Room. The guest speaker was Mr. Paul Harvey, nationally known news commentator. Mr. Don Couser entertained the members and the convention was closed. David Burrow is president of TISA.

DEDICATION OF P. V. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING HELD

Prairie View's new high school building was dedicated Sunday, March 15, in ceremonies attended by both Waller Independent School District and college officials.

President E. B. Evans delivered the dedication address—declaring that the school serves a two-fold purpose, "a center for teacher training and a community high school." He said that there are very few schools like it. The Prairie View school is administered cooperatively by an independent school district on a state college campus.

Waller school board president, Henry E. Naegeli, officially turned the school over to the principal, faculty, teachers, and students. Principal H. T. Jones assigned a student, Curtis Wood, Jr., who is president of the junior class, to make a speech of acceptance.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON STUDENT CENTER

STUDENTS WILL SERVE ON COMMITTEES PLANNING FURNISHINGS, OPERATION

The Student Council has been asked to recommend well-qualified students to serve on important committees which will study and plan for furnishings for the New Student Center and consider methods of operation of the many facilities for student activities.

Acting student life director, Dean H. E. Fuller, made the announcement to the council, speaking for President E. B. Evans.

Meanwhile construction started on the new building on March 16, following the awarding of the contract by the Directors of the Texas A. & M. College System to R. B. Butler, Inc., Bryan. The site of the new building—west of the new college exchange and hotel—has been fenced off and work is actually under way.

Unofficial sources have estimated that the building will be about a year in construction. It is designed on a 1½ story arrangement similar to the administration building but lacking the second floor. The present college exchange and hotel structure will become a part of the total center.

Many, many problems of space for student socials, club activities, and conferences are expected to be solved when the building is completed.

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FACULTY PROFILE



MRS. LUCILE SMITH TO BE HONORED

A testimonial banquet set for April 9 is being planned for Mrs. Lucile B. Smith by a committee of friends.

Nearing retirement, Mrs. Smith will be honored by the colleagues and friends for many years of outstanding service in her field. She received a similar honor when named "Woman of the Year" by the Zeta's Sorority.

According to Dean M. S. Brannon who serves as chairman of the sponsoring group, the banquet will attract friends of Mrs. Smith from all parts of the state. A souvenir program will carry the story of the veteran leader and will also be used to carry expressions from friends. A patrons list will be included in the program.

Subscriptions to the banquet are now on sale for \$2.50 each. In all probability it will be serviced by Mrs. Smith's own team of cooking and baking (and serving) experts, and this will be a real treat.

The PANTHER selects Mrs. Smith as its **Faculty Profile** for this month. For more about her accomplishments, please turn to page 9.

Dr. Evans To Continue As P. V. President

The Board of Directors of the Texas A. & M. College System has asked that Dr. E. B. Evans, who at 65 is now eligible for modified service, continue to serve as president of Prairie View A. & M. College.

This action came during the February 28 meeting of the Board which was held at College Station.

ELABORATE PLANS BEING SET FOR APRIL STUDENT ELECTIONS

General student elections scheduled in April will have all the earmarks of a regular city-county election day.

The position of the student council president will be elected by popular vote of all students. The editor of the Panther will be elected in this manner, along with the usual Miss Prairie View contest.

Tentative plans by the council call for filing of prospective candidates for student president and editor very soon. The council has established a set of healthy qualifications which all approved candidates must meet. For president, these will include such factors as leadership qualifications, character and ability. Qualifications for editor will be similar, but candidates must also have training in journalism or equivalent experience working on a school newspaper.

Candidates for Miss Prairie View will, as usual, be selected by the junior class. There exists already a set of qualifications for the young ladies seeking this honor.

Student council members discussed the possibility of securing voting machines for the election. Plans are under way to provide complete privacy of voting by regular ballot should the machines become impossible to secure.

Election rules and qualifications will be issued soon by the Student Council, according to Napoleon Milton, president.

STUDENT COMMITTEES WORK HARD FOR 1959 YEARBOOK

Many students have exhibited interest in publishing a yearbook for the 1958-59 school-year. Since so many students are desirous in publishing an annual, committees have been organized with the purpose of making plans so that a yearbook will be published. The finance committee is one of great importance. It is this committee that determines whether or not a yearbook will be published for this school year.

The finance committee has begun collecting \$2.00 deposits on the \$4.00 yearbook. Letters have been sent to different clubs and organizations asking for their cooperation. It is through these means that an annual will be published.

The administration has approved the plans that the Yearbook committees have proposed providing that they can be assured of collecting 80% of total cost of the yearbook. This amount can be raised through your support and cooperation.

Whether you are a student or an employee, do not hesitate to pay your deposit when an authorized collector approaches you. This may be your only chance to secure a yearbook while you are in college. Make it up in your mind to support the yearbook drive by depositing only \$2.00. The small amount you pay for an annual will provide you with a record of the 1958-59 school-year you spent at Prairie View.



SPRINGTIME—A favorite pastime for males, particularly this time of year is to watch the passing parade of coeds.



WHOOPIING IT UP FOR AN ANNUAL—Hundreds of students gather in the campus square to hear music and speeches aimed at gathering support for a college yearbook. The college has been minus one since 1958.



HONOR STUDENTS—The long line of honor students led the procession during the annual Honors Day Convocation held last month. The group heard two outstanding guest speakers and was the guest of the President for dinner.



SPEAKING OF CAREERS—Student leaders serve on panel for Career Conference held last month. They are, from left: Willie Roland, Henry Duffy, Margaret Chenier, Maurice Flowers, and Marion Childress.

JANUARY GRADUATES LIST INCLUDE 55

The list of January graduates released recently by the Registrar's Office included fifty-five persons.

They are: Clyde Albert, Betty Joyce Allen, Gerrod Anderson, Nina Faye Black, Julia B. Brady, John Edward Brown, Pernell Carroll, Maurice Carter, Lloyd Chandler, Alphonse Conway, Bettie J. Davis, Evelyn Dorn, Charlie M. Edmond, Minnie M. Eleby, Lee Garland Esprit, Mrs. Connie B. Farmer, Bernard Flowers, Sarah Jo Foster, Dorothy Marie Gibson, Lawrence Graves, Gwendolyn D. Gregory, Lelena Bruse (Mrs.) Henry, Mrs. Avalonia Wade Howard, Mrs. Minnie L. Jefferson, Dorothy Lucile Johnson, Lillian Raye Johnson, James Adolph Jones, Mrs. Lonnette T. Jones, Arthur Kelley, Jr., Arizona (Mrs.) King, Cammie Lewis, Eugene Lewis, Horace A. Lindsay, John P. Lister, Lural McCloud, Mrs. Leola W. McDonald, Annie Laura McGee, Leslie L. McKnight, Mrs. Ernestine Melton, Mattie Lou Montgomery, Murphy Louise Moore, Mrs. Erma L. Nealey, Mrs. Annie M. Randolph, Margaret A. Scruggs, Billie Sue Seastrunk, Maudie Lee Shepard, Ely D. Sledge, Elbert Smith, III, Roy S. Smith, Mrs. Eloise P. Taylor, Carl E. Vaughn, Pearlle M. Watson, Harold G. Wells, Ernestine Williams, Ora Feast Woodridge.

BOSTON U. PROFESSOR SPEAKS AT ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Dr. M. Agnella Gunn, professor of English Education at Boston University, delivered the keynote address for the sixth annual English Institute held at Prairie View A. & M. College, Saturday, March 21.

The theme of the one-day conference was "Articulation: Continuity between levels of English Instruction."

The keynote speaker, Dr. Gunn, is regarded as a leading authority in the methods of teaching and organizing the English Language Arts program. He addressed the recent annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English Education at Pittsburgh on "Preparing the Teacher of English for the Demands of the New Curriculum."

Consultants for the Prairie View conference were Miss Dorothy Davidson, of the Division of Curriculum Development, Texas Education Agency; Dr. Evelyn S. Thompson, Professor of Education, University of Houston; Mrs. Clarice Pierson Lowe, Texas Southern University; and Dr. M. Agnella Gunn.

Mike Dendy of Baylor University and a group of students from the Baylor Theater presented a lecture-demonstration at 1:00 p.m. in keeping with the speech section topic, "Techniques for Training Students in Speech Activities."

In addition to the speech session, there were sectional meetings from 10:00 a.m. to 12 m. and a panel discussion from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Section I met in the Hotel Conference Room and was focused upon "Basic Attainments for Various Levels of English Instruction in Language Arts Program." Section II met in the Administration Building Auditorium and concentrated on the topic, "Defining an Adequate

CONFERENCE ON HOUSING SET

The Twelfth Annual Housing Conference is scheduled to be held at the college on May 9, according to C. L. Wilson, conference chairman and Dean of the School of Engineering.

The theme of the one-day conference is "A Home for Every Budget." Panel discussions and speeches by outstanding persons in the housing field will be aimed at informing the prospective homeowner and average citizen all the facts about housing.

HOUSTON-P. V.

The Houston-P. V. Club recently held its dance for the second semester. The gala affair was of a casual nature and was held in the Recreation Center. The many Houstonians and their guests turned out for an evening of fun. Each year the Houston-P. V. Club tries to sponsor a student activity that will embrace the whole student body.

The Houston-P. V. Club, which is the largest hometown club on the campus, has as its purpose to promote student activities that will enrich the individual's personality.

High School Curriculum for English." The panel discussion featured the treatment of "The Articulation of High School and College Teaching of English" in the Administration Building Auditorium. Panelists were the following teachers: Miss Marie Fonsworth, Phyllis Wheatley High School, Houston; Mrs. Gladys Smith Hogan, Pickard High School, Brenham; and Miss Phonorah Thomas, Carver High School, Waco.

P. V. ALUMNI NURSES PLAN PROGRAM

The Prairie View Nurses Alumni Association will hold its first annual Candlelight Service on April 5 in Houston.

Scheduled at 7:30 p.m., the colorful event will be held in the Texas Southern University Auditorium, 3201 Wheeler Street. The speaker for the program is Dr. William Lawson, T. S. U. professor.

The purpose of the nurses' project is to obtain funds for educational uses. While there is no admission charge, donations to the Prairie View Alumni Nurses Educational Fund will be appreciated.

All categories of nurses will participate in the program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BUSINESS CLINIC SET FOR APRIL 20

The sixth Annual Business Clinic will be held at Prairie View A. & M. College on April 20. Dr. William C. Ferguson, head of the department of Business Administration and Education at the college announced.

A. G. Gaston, prominent businessman of Birmingham, Alabama, will be the keynote speaker, and A. Macco Smith, Dallas Housing leader, will serve as moderator of a panel of outstanding businessmen.

The theme of the conference will cover four phases of business—organization, finance, operations, and ownership. The one-day clinic is usually attended by Negro businessmen from all parts of Texas and from neighboring states.

Eggs Belong
in everybody's breakfast
...and add appeal to any meal

EASTER HOLIDAYS BRING RELIEF AFTER MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS

Home for the Easter vacation goes the Prairie View Student, his once frustrated mind free from the confusing recitations, long, uninteresting lectures, "pop quizzes" in a crowded classroom, and cramming for the mid-term examinations.

From February to the mid-term, we were faced with seeing our faculty advisers promptly cross out half of our schedules because the sections were filled, we had signed up for upper-division courses or we had too many hours. After rearranging everything to the adviser's satisfaction, we went from there across the campus to join the members of the line waiting to pay our fees and from there to the gym, where we were welcomed in another line, then to the bookstore where we had a choice of one or two lines.

And feeling even more dejected and inadequate every minute, we entered the classroom to take volumes of notes from a seemingly "untouchable" man who walked into the room, talked for an hour and left, leaving behind a huge assignment due the next class hour.

Afflicted with the diseases that admit all pleasures and forbid all duties, the activities of the night that bring the headache of a morning, we excused ourselves as too "sick" for college work.

Our minds tingled with recitations and lectures, we walked into the auditorium and attempted to listen to a man who was not going to question us but talked for an hour, more or less audibly. He was such a long way off; and though he was talking to somebody, he seemed not to be talking to us.

Regardless of how carefully we studied an assignment in February, chances were, we forgot most of it by March. It wasn't enough just to keep up with our assignments from day to day, our instructors expected us not only to learn the subject matter but to remember it with a vocabulary that only the elect can translate.

But we grew tired of substituting excuses, even fairly honest excuses in place of attendance and work. It was a "strain on our higher motives" to go to the library to get a book and find that someone else had checked it out or they had "no information on it."

We followed our daily routine, only to steady our nerves but we shut eye, ear, heart, and conscience.

And nearing the mid-term, we crammed and crammed for examinations set up to chop us down.

We felt like we needed to rebel, to set ourselves free from these restraints for a while and then, as a warm satisfaction to the mind, the blessings of Easter are upon us.

RICE PROVOST IS KEYNOTER FOR SCIENCE MEET

Dr. Carey Crenels, Provost of the Rice Institute, Houston, was the Keynote speaker at the opening of the Fifth Annual Institute for the Advancement of Science Teaching on Saturday, March 7, at Prairie View A. & M. College.

In addition to Dr. Crenels there were other scientists and educators serving the Institute in the capacities of consultants and speakers. Among those who were at Prairie View Saturday, March 14, Dr. Robert C. Sherman, president of the Senior academy of the Texas Academy of Science; Dr. C. C. Doak, head, Biology Department, Texas A. & M. College; Dr. Lewis Fisher

FACULTY IN THE NEWS



Dr. A. A. Dunson has written two German works that have been accepted by learned organizations.



Mrs. Hattie O. Higgs has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Paris, France.



Professor J. I. Kirkwood has been awarded a National Science Foundation Fellowship for 1959-60.



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SWINGING INTO COLLEGE LIFE

By Merlie Gilmore

An ancient philosopher once said that our troubles begin when we are free to do as we please. It has always been so.

Many students come to college in September and by Christmas, half of them have degenerated. Such is the case of the Prairie View Students. We have lost punctuality, we have lost application, we have no responsibility; and some of us are gone to the bad. And to see a young person's ideals rapidly slipping away, while his face grows coarser and coarser, is one of the saddest sights in college or out of it.

The first feeling of a freshman is confusion; the next is often a strange elation at the discovery that now at last his elders have given him his head. A noted preacher once remarked, "I shall never forget how I felt when I found myself a freshman:—a feeling that all restraint was gone, and that I might go to the Devil just as fast as I pleased."

He also came to college with certain religious ideas and beliefs, and the progress of his studies, finds an antagonism between his religious beliefs and his growing knowledge. But with the distinction between religious faith and religious beliefs firmly grasped, the student need not feel that he is losing his religion when he is being compelled to give up some of his early, inadequate religious consumptions. Rather he will welcome all new ideas which enable him to explain this fellowship and to understand more fully its meaning.

The upperclassman who seriously hazy a freshman is now in the better colleges recognized as a coward and (like the dean who employs spies) is an enemy to civilization.

Too often we regard study as an inferior opportunity; and having an option between study and loafing, we take loafing.

The college student who is determined to succeed in public speaking may stand up again and again in a college debating club, may fail again and again, and through his failures may rise to success.

But what about our colleges thieves, the student who has his themes written for him, the one who cribs on exams, or who excuses himself from special assemblies because of "sickness" in order to rest after or before a dance? They may be clever and funny to read about, but their cleverness and "funniness" are not many degrees from those of the forger and the imposter, who may also be amusing fiction. Also among our college students, the excessive cigarette smokers are recognized even by other smokers as representing the feeblest form of intellectual and moral life. At their worst they have no backbone; they cannot tell (and possibly cannot see) the truth; and they loaf.

Right minded students see the noble opportunity in a college life, those of us who work must spend some of our hours in work. It follows that we must learn to enjoy work by working, to get interested in any task by doing it with all our strength. This is the first lesson of scholarship, without it we cannot be scholars; and only by courtesy can we be called students.

LET'S SUPPORT THE YEARBOOK DRIVE

By Edison R. Fowlks

It has almost a decade since Prairie View published its last yearbook. Many students have come and gone without being able to look back through a yearbook and recall some of the memories of their school-years at Dear Ole P. V.

Many schools smaller than Prairie View are able to publish yearbooks annually. Each year many of them send us a copy of their yearbook. What do we have in return to send them? Should we send them a copy of our Panther Magazine? These two questions are very complicated to answer; therefore making the situation very embarrassing.

In the past, attempts have been made to publish a yearbook but due to the lack of interest on the part of the majority of the students, it has not been published. But this year many students have exhibited their interest toward publishing one. Since so many individuals have an interest in it, a committee has been organized with the purpose of making plans to publish a yearbook for the school-year of 1958-59. This committee is being operated on sound principles. The method by which the committee began indicated that a yearbook will be ready for you in May. But the only thing that the committee asks of you is a deposit of \$2.00 on a \$4.00 yearbook. If you have not paid your deposit, do pay it today, so that you may have a yearbook to look through and recall the memories of the 1958-59 school-year spent at Prairie View.

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CAMPUSQUOTES

Question: Do you think the Berlin crisis will eventually lead to war? Why?

"I think it will eventually lead to war because of the aggressiveness of Russia."—Jake Lambert, Jr., Houston, Texas.

"I think the Berlin crisis will lead to war because Russia is seemingly superior to the United States in scientific advancement and probably will not be afraid to attack."—Johnnie Wilbrich, LaMarque, Texas.

"Yes, I think the Berlin crisis will eventually lead to war because no mutual agreement can be made between the countries involved."—Joseph Lombard, Port Arthur, Texas.

"I think the Berlin crisis will eventually lead to war unless new methods are used to reach an agreement."—Wilbert Williams, Corsicana, Texas.

"I don't think the Berlin crisis will lead to war because of the President's recent stand on the issue."—R. C. Clack, Pre-Med. major.

"If the Russians continue to push us, the Berlin crisis will eventually lead to war."—Lydia Hamm, Business Education, New Braunfels, Texas.

"With Russia continuing to develop atomic weapons, and in her quest for more territory, the crisis will lead to war."—Margaret Smith, Elementary Education, Beaumont, Texas.

Russians further experimenting with atomic bombs, missiles, and uncalled for aggressiveness."—Margaret A. Fontens, Nursing, Beaumont, Texas.

A Letter to My Girlfriend

My Dearest Mary:

While sitting here thinking of no one else but you, and everyone else except you, I decided to write you this letter. Darling, I am writing you with my brand new pencil, but since I haven't sharpened it as yet, I'm writing you with my ink pen, but seemingly I don't have any ink, so I decided to write you this letter with my typewriter.

Darling, I don't live where I once lived, but I live where I am living now. Just ask anyone you see on the street where I live, and they will tell you.

Dearest, I started to Fort Worth last night to see you and halfway there I saw a sign saying "THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO FORT WORTH," so I got off the bus and sat on it all night, but the darn thing never did move.

I am sending you a picture of myself, but for fear of losing it I kept it. Please let me know how you like it, and I will send it to you.

Mary, I am sending you a belated birthday present which cost me exactly 39.50—39 cents and 50 box tops. I say belated because I bought this present for you for your birthday which was five years ago. I hope you like the necklace, but since stamps are so high and money is so scarce, I am mailing you the string and will bring the beads the next time I come to visit you.

Well, sweetheart, this is all for now. My fingers are beginning to get sore from banging on this typewriter so hard and so long.

Your crazy, mixed up boy friend,

THOMAS "JIM" BOWIE

THE INTELLECT: USE AND MISUSE

By Jimmy E. Lydia

The natural drive for penetrating exploration, or drive for discovery of the truth, should give the possessor thereof self-esteem and a sense of his being of worth to the superior values of our day, for such wisdom comes to a minority. At the other levels we have the too-practical or narrow-minded who make thought a vehicle carrying nothing and going nowhere. To think is to search, yet the dominant thought is searchless and is derived by the mere minute-to-minute existence of the individual. The wise man, the true thinker, realizes the futility of this and strives to conclude upon or discover those things which are beneath the territory of those who think upon the surface of what is seen, heard, or spoken.

But though true genius comes as an endowment from God, we may conceive of genius, in a loose sense, as being the disciplining of the capacity to its highest possible level, regardless as to where this level may fall on the universal capacity-scale. We hold it a given fact that all which one has achieved he first had the ability to achieve, but as this is true, it is also true that the plateau of one's possible development is always to be viewed as above and not from the position of development itself. There is always a certain margin for work which has not yet been produced, and which in being produced should never allow the producer to become sedentary. When one has by persistent labor taken his given nugget or ore and so processed it as to appreciably make meaningful its worth, then he has, exhibited himself as one possessing genius. But in direct opposition to this is the man who lays himself and his possibilities as sand by the riverside, and as he gives us the impression that he might have it, exhibits both himself and nature as fools. This matter is independent of the nature of innate intelligence. Thus, if each man acts equally with respect to the value of the nugget or ore allotted him, each may soar to identical height.

JUST CHATTER

Yes, it's me and I'm back again with eye trouble. Things were really popping around here last month.

For instance, did you know Miss I. V. F. was so interested in P. V. until she came way down here from Tuskegee?

Gosh! Miss B. T. G., aren't you lonesome for Mr. B. G.? Gee whiz, Miss C. A. W., why did you treat Mr. J. B. so cold? Are you from Alaska?

Since football season is over the trees have been clustered by more than leaves. The Panthers and their little Pantherettes.

A certain party is playing "Lost" lately, I wonder why.

"Girls, leave these boys alone while their girl friends are away doing their student teaching, and boys likewise."

Girls, why don't you leave the peanut man alone and especially the

"fruit man" (You don't want any HUB CAPS).

Mr. C. S., what are you trying to prove? I am really puzzled.

Hey, guys and dolls, let's not violate the "Parking Sign Regulation." There is a "no parking sign" on the laundry. There seems to be a lot of violation being done.

Miss B. A. H. and Miss S. R. W., why don't you stop fighting over the stump? It doesn't belong to either of you.

There is a certain party got a crush on Mr. H. B. You better watch her.

There is a certain bunch of young ladies who are going mighty sharp lately. What's up, Miss H. T., G. M. C., W. J., E. L., and E. B.?

That's all for now. This left peeper is giving me trouble, so I'll be seeing you later.

Happy Easter
From observing yours.
"The Chatter Box"

CHUCKLES

After divorcing her husband, and gaining custody of their ten-year-old son, a woman married again.

The father, upon visiting the boy, asked him how he and his new father were getting along. The boy replied, "Well, we go boat riding every day, and in the middle of the lake he throws me overboard and tells me to swim ashore." "Isn't that a little too far to swim for a boy of your age?" asked the father. The boy replied, "No, the swimming is easy, but getting out of the sack is the hard part."

Wife: "Darling, we gave mother a chair for her birthday last year, what shall we give her this year?" Husband: "Electrify it."

Teacher: "Johnny, aren't you ashamed for laughing aloud in class?"

LIBRARY SCIENCE CLUB NEWS

By Nancy Felious

The Library Science Club sponsored its first activity for the school year which was a book review. The distinguished reviewer was Dr. Earl M. Lewis, head of the Department of Political Science. He did a magnificent job of reviewing the book, "Cotton Regency," written by one of our own faculty members, Dr. George R. Woolfolk, head of the Department of History.

This interesting, informative, and entertaining event took place Janu-

ary 12, 1959, at 8:00 in the evening in the Library Science Classroom of the W. R. Banks Library. Among the selective audience was the author himself who gave comments after the review by Dr. Lewis. Refreshments were served which capped a very well spent evening.

Officers of the Library Science Club are: Lloyd Mayfield, president; Kathryn Weisner, vice president; Nancy Felious, secretary.

The sponsors of the Library Science Club are: Mrs. Johanna Overstreet, Mrs. Yvonne Churchwell, and Mr. Sam Peters.

THE STUDENT NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Student NEA is one of the few student organizations on our campus that provides its members with opportunities for developing personal growth and professional competencies; for active professional membership on the local, state, and national levels.

Each year the student NEA sponsors American Education Week activities on the campus. One of the features of the week's activities is the presentation of a vesper program, which not only acquaints the general student body with the origin and purposes of American Education Week, but provides opportunities to explore and use talents of the members, and to arouse further interest among all students, who are planning to follow the profession of teaching as a career.

Other activities of the year have included an International Dinner, Sunday, February 15, at which time one of the sponsors, Mrs. A. C. Preston, who attended the University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, last summer, shared her ex-

periences. The speech was highlighted with slides taken during her stay and a colorful exhibit of souvenirs collected while in Puerto Rico. In previous years, Dean A. I. Thomas, Mr. Lee C. Phillips, Mr. M. B. Tolson, and Miss Jean Norris have shared their experiences gained in foreign countries.

On Monday, March 2, Mr. O. J. Thomas, Director of Placement Bureau, Prairie View A. & M. College, discussed "Services of the Bureau and some of the Most Needed Fields for Teacher Placement."

Our organization is looking forward to having Dean G. L. Smith to speak at our next regular meeting, to have representatives at the Twelfth Annual State Convention of the Texas Education Association meeting in Houston, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, March 19, 20, 21, and to make an educational tour to San Antonio, in April, during the week of the Battle of Flowers.

Remember that the student NEA is not an organization for any one

particular department, but open to all students who are interested in making teaching a career. Start now contacting our members and advisors for 1959-60 membership.

Advisors: Miss D. I. Burdine, Mrs. A. C. Preston, Dr. J. W. Echols.

SPRING FASHIONS

By Yvonne Douglass

March will be the beginning of spring where you will see lovely ladies wearing exquisite fashions of various color harmonies with eye catching accessories. Two of this year's most popular colors are beige and lavender. You will see them in bolero suits, dresses (after five attire), skirt and blouse combinations—and the flowered clutch hats which are this season's most popular will also be worn in-beige and lavender. The short hemline which is being carried out even more this season will look stunning with the stockings with a hint of a tint.



GOING PLACES—In a favorite pose, "The Dreamers" are becoming more popular every day. The popular quartet include William Tanner, Gentry Hornsby, Raymond Wright, and Jimmy Toleston.



SPRING PARTIES—Clubs and organizations keep the "Rec" busy with spring parties, like the one attended by the Junior misses—Betty Daniels, Shirley Glenn, Mary Smith, Ora Dean Wagner, Gracie Lewis, and Ethel Pauley.



AFTER SUPPER CHAT—Fellows and girls pause to chat after supper in front of the dining hall.

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6. When arriving late for a party, are you inclined to join a group of close friends rather than attempting to strike up new acquaintances?

YES ☐ NO ☐



3. Do you think that political candidates should write their own speeches instead of using a "ghost writer"?

YES ☐ NO ☐



7. If you met somebody with a beard, would you tend to consider him "off-beat" and treat him with reserve?

YES ☐ NO ☐



4. Given the choice, would you prefer having an apartment of your own to living at home with your parents?

YES ☐ NO ☐



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YES ☐ NO ☐

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COLLEGE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
BEFORE—

AFTER—



EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE—College Research Committee at work in Administration building office (top). Bottom photos show committee members presenting research data in the college gym.

YOUNG TEACHERS IN TEXAS MAY INDICATE EXTENSION
OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE GRADUATES

Despite the apparent shortage of placement opportunities for Negro Teachers in Texas, a large portion (43 percent) of this professional group is composed of young teachers with less than ten years of experience.

The average, however, is 13 years experience for the 9,577 Negro Teachers in the state, and the median age is 35.

These facts along with a complete profile of the Texas public school Teacher is the topic of a Research Report presented at Prairie View A. & M. College recently and which is published in mimeograph form and made available to the public.

Fashioned after the National Education Association's research on the "status of the American Teacher," The Prairie View study reveals the Texas Negro Teacher to be quite similar to the national average. For example, the two studies present the average teacher as being female, married, has one child, earns about \$4000 annually, buying a home, owns automobile, and is fairly active in community affairs.

Texas and National teachers differ somewhat in levels of community participation. Texas teachers are most active in religious organizations and less in health and welfare programs. This picture is reversed for the national group. While business and political activity were lowest in Teacher participation.

The Prairie View study was undertaken by a faculty committee which conducts research projects annually on educational progress of Negroes in Texas. The committee worked cooperatively with the Texas State Teachers Association in designing the study. Data was secured from the Texas Education Agency's 1957-58 annual statistical

report and from responses of a sampling of 2,000 teachers representing 100 schools of all sizes and types. Five geographical areas of the state included Northeast, Southeast, South, North Central, and West Texas.

The largest number of teachers and pupils represented the North Central area of Texas which includes the metropolitan centers of Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Austin, and San Antonio. Second largest is the Southeast including the coastal region from Corpus Christi to Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, and Port Arthur. Only 20 Negro teachers are employed in the Valley area where integration has come to almost all the 22 counties of the region. A similar situation is true in West Texas where there are only 564 Negro teachers.

Professional advancement of the teacher, his personal status, community service and educational outlook are divisions of the study. Highlights of findings under professional advancement included the fact that practically all teachers hold the bachelor's degree, and with 40 percent of them having the Master's degree. Ninety-five percent of the teachers belong to the Texas State Teachers Association but only 47 percent are associated with professional groups in various specialized subject fields. However, a large majority of Teachers are teaching in their major or minor fields.

Being accepted in the community and various restrictions were important factors in the community service phase of research. Eighty percent of the teachers stated that they felt accepted in their communities but the remaining 20 percent

were not so sure, and some did not care. Young teachers were most affected by community restrictions on their personal life.

Salaries became an interesting item of comparison when looked at by geographical areas of the state. Highest paying of the five areas is the Southeastern region of the state. Southern, Central, and West Texas had a media of about \$4200, and East Texas was lowest with an average salary of \$3800. Texas salaries compared adequately with the national average. Other personal status factors included home ownership, sex, age, marital status, and dependents.

Authors of the research include: Dr. Curtis A. Wood, chairman; Herbert Brown, Dr. W. L. Cash, Dr. J. N. Drew, Dr. Jack Echols, Dr. E. M. Norris, Dr. George Ragland, A. D. Stewart, Dr. G. R. Woolfolk, and Mrs. Lois M. Wright.

Findings of the study were presented during the 30th Annual Conference on Education held at Prairie View on March 6. More than 500 superintendents, principals, supervisors, and teachers from all parts of the state heard the presentation and participated in group discussion on various problems and needs. Thirty-two educational leaders served on the program of the one-day conference. Keynote speakers included Rogers S. Barton, Texas Education Agency; Mrs. Ada Simond, Texas Tuberculosis Association; Miss Ila Fern Warren, Texas State Department of Health; and Reverend John S. Moore, pastor, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Houston.

SELECTIVE SERVICE
TEST SCHEDULED

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 13.—The Selective Service college qualification test for the 1958-59 school year will be given April 30, Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state Selective Service director, said Friday.

Bulletins of information regarding the test and application cards and tickets of admission for the test are now being printed for distribution to local boards. Announcement will be made when these are ready, Colonel Schwartz said.

"When information bulletins, application cards, and admission tickets are ready at local boards," the state Selective Service director said, "we will advise all university and college registrars and student newspapers."

The application card will be mailed to Selective Service Examining Section, P. O. Box 586, Princeton, New Jersey. The testing program for the 1958-59 school year will be administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

Applications for the April test must be postmarked not later than mid-night, April 9. This is the only test that will be given for the 1958-59 school year.

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STUDENT FOCUS

By Mary Nelson

An orator, leader, and religious worker mark the characteristics of one of Prairie View's most outstanding students. Cecil Strickland, a 21 year old Junior from Pittsburg, Texas, has been chosen as this month's student spotlight.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hulice Strickland. He is the youngest of four boys. Cecil graduated May, 1956, from Fredrick Douglass High School.

While attending high school, Cecil took an active part in many of the extra-curricular activities. He was president of his class for four years, president of the student council, president of the local, district, area, State, and National N. F. A. organization; Boy Scout Master, teacher of "B" class at St. Paul Baptist Church of which he was superintendent, member of the choral club, football and track team. He also participated in dramatics.

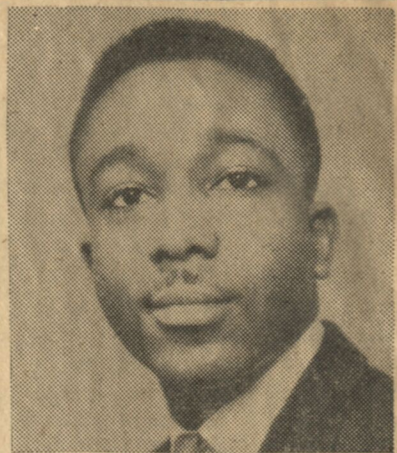
Cecil has done extensive traveling; he has been to some 30 of the 50 states. He attended first White House Conference on Education in Washington, D. C., of which he had

the opportunity of meeting the President's Cabinet. He was one of the first Negroes to stay in the Mayflower Hotel there. He flew to Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend a meeting on Civil Defense of which he is a member. He has appeared on Murray Cocks Radio Station WFAA and made a 10 minute address. He received an award for the most outstanding N. F. A. student in the state of Texas.

Cecil has made addresses at Langston University in Oklahoma, Southern University in Louisiana, A. N. & T. College in Greensboro, North Carolina; Rotary Clubs, N. H. A. banquets, Kiwanis Club, Y. M. C. A. meetings, church conventions, etc. He has made appearances at Morris Brown, Spelman University of Atlanta, Dillard, Howard, U. C. L. A., T. S. U., and Tuskegee.

Cecil has been an active participant in the campus organizations at Prairie View. Presently he is president of the Junior class, superintendent of the Sunday School, secretary of Agronomy Club, reporter of YW-YMCA, parliamentarian of the student council.

Cecil is majoring in Agriculture



CECIL STRICKLAND

Education and minoring in Agriculture Biology. He has made the honor roll several times since he has been in Prairie View.

Cecil's hobbies are listening to music, singing, studying parliamentary procedures, and traveling. His favorite dishes are steak and pecan pie. His favorite sports are track, baseball, and wrestling. He also enjoys playing pool, dominoes, and checkers.

When asked how he felt about Prairie View, he answered, that it is a great institution for offering opportunities and in helping one to develop and to become a success in the field he chooses.

FACULTY PROFILE

By Shirley Wells

This month the Panther honors Mrs. Lucille Bishop Smith. Mrs. Smith was born in Crockett, Texas, where she attended elementary and high school. For her advanced training, she chose Wiley College, Samuel Huston College, Prairie View A. & M. College, Colorado State College, and The Culinary Art School of Chicago.

She has been in charge of food preparation and service at Camp Noldenau, Hunt, Texas, for thirty consecutive summers.

With the assistance of Mrs. Smith, the Ft. Worth vocational evening school program developed from three departments and three teachers to eleven departments and seventeen teachers with an enrollment of 1,400 students in eight training centers, with new and modern equipment as a mark of merit. The State borrowed Mrs. Smith from Ft. Worth public schools in 1937 to supervise studies for women in the evening school program at Prairie View A. & M. College.

In 1951, Dr. E. B. Evans decided to develop a course in commercial Cooking and Baking at Prairie View and was directed to contact Mrs. Smith for this pioneering venture. On February 1, 1953, Mrs. Smith returned to Prairie View to undertake the task of developing this new course. Within four months, she accomplished the preliminary steps for setting up the course and solicited equipment and reference materials from the hotel association. During its first year the Department was awarded a grant from the Jesse H. Jones Foundation for scholarships to worthy students. Within six years the commercial Cooking and Baking program has materialized into a two and four year training program with cooperation of twelve leading hotels. Mrs. Smith is still a member of the Department of Cooking and Baking, which she pioneered at Prairie View A. & M. College.

Mrs. Smith has compiled five manuals for the State Department of Industrial Education which are being used as vocational texts throughout the state. She has contributed to "A Date with a Dish" by Freda McKnight, is listed in Who's Who in Colored America, was Foods Editor of "Sepia Magazine," was featured in Ebony Magazine, the Star Telegram and the Ft. Worth Press, was given the cover of "Service Magazine," and her success story was given in "Making Money in Your Kitchen" by Helen Stone Hovey. "Lucille's Treasure Chest of Fine Foods" is a card index of her recipes; her units on "Employer - Employee Relation-

ships" improved public relations by serving as a guide for banquets.

Mrs. Smith was recently named and honored as "The Woman of the Year" by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

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RECORDS MAY FALL IN P. V. RELAYS

The 27th Annual Prairie View Relays promises to be a very interesting and spectacular event. Several Prairie View Relay records should fall this year according to the performance of S. W. A. C. track teams this spring. The record in the mile run (4:27.6) held by Culp of Xavier (New Orleans) since 1942 is one that probably will fall. The Pole Vault record is 12'9" and has stood since 1939. Herbert Lee of Prairie View has jumped 12'6" this year and feels confident that he can equal or better the twenty year old record. The shot put record stands at 49'9" as established by Willis Perkins of Texas Southern in 1957. Perkins has heaved the shot 51'3" (Capitol City Relays) and will likely break his Prairie View Relay record here April 10, 11.

Southern University's 3:25 running of Sprint Medley is better than Prairie View Relay Record of 3:29 set by Philander Smith in 1954. There are several records that seem out of danger of being shaken. The eighteen year old 440 relay record (41.1) will probably be low enough to best the time of Prairie View's 440 relay team efforts. The Panther relay team ran 41.9 this year, although there was one bad pass of the baton.

Other records that probably will stand for a while are:

- (1) Broad jump, 25'3½"—James Gamble (Prairie View) 1957
- (2) Mile relay, 3:17.1—Southern University, 1958
- (3) Two mile relay, 7:50.6—Philander Smith, 1956
- (4) 100 yard dash, 9.4—University of Illinois, 1953 (Willie Williams)

PRAIRIE VIEW AGRONOMY CLUB

Among the many fine clubs on the college campus, the Agronomy Club is now beginning to be recognized.

The club offers many wonderful opportunities and has been designed to reach the desires of agriculture majors who might be interested in plant or soil science.

Meetings are convened twice every month in the Animal Industry building to stimulate and promote this interest among the members.

The club is conducted with capable, interested, and energetic young men who are trying to develop through this club a broader knowledge about the most precious gift from God, "The Soil."

Along with the regular business, refreshments are usually served, for the club feels that this is a way of demonstrating the importance of soil and crops in our lives.



ELMER WOOLEY, JOHN "BO" FARRINGTON, JAMES KENNEDY

PANTHER THINCLADS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN IN AUSTIN RELAYS

The Prairie View A. & M. Panther track team had its first test of the season recently when they participated in the Capitol City Relays at Austin, Texas. The Panthers took six places and four second places and enough third places for a total of 49½ points and top honors in the scoring department. Southern University was second high scorer with 38 points. Prairie View won the 440 relay in 41.9 seconds. John "Bo" Farrington, Otis Lewis, James Perkins, and James Howard were on the winning 440 relay team.

James Kennedy was a double winner, scoring first in the broad-jump (23'-4") and first in low hurdles (250). Herbert Lee won the pole vault at 12' 6" to remain undefeated in college competition. Farris White won the open 440 dash in 50.3 seconds.

Lester Porter's 147'-5½" toss of the discus was sufficient to cop first place in the event.

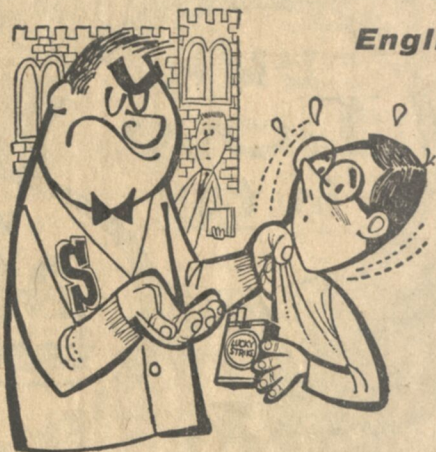
Coach Leroy Moore and his charges will leave Friday for Baton Rouge, where they will participate in the Pelican Relays, Saturday, March 21.

Rouge, where they will participate in the Pelican Relays, Saturday, March 21.



HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL— This healthy jump at center, a reminder of the great stars that appeared on campus during recent State High School tournaments.

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Thinklish: FLEAGLE

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English: CAMPUS TOUGH GUY

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English: UNHAPPY MARRIAGE



Thinklish: SPATRIMONY

ALAN MACDONALD, TRINITY COLLEGE

English: SPRING CLEANING



Thinklish: MOPERATION

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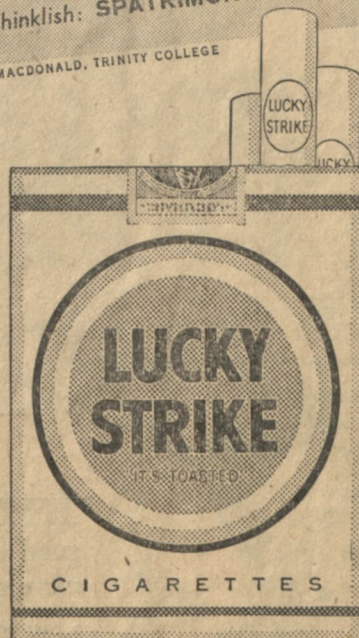


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